

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2016
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saul called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair David Saul; Vice Chair Chris Frost; and Commissioners Marlene Matlow, Meril May (arrived at 5:03 p.m.), and Carol Randall

ALSO PRESENT: Reva Feldman, City Manager; Arthur Aladjadjian, Public Works Superintendent; Lieutenant Jim Royal, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Mary Linden, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Frost led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Chair Saul moved and Commissioner Matlow seconded a motion to approve the agenda with Item No. 4.C. to be heard before Item No. 4.B. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Recording Secretary Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on April 27, 2016.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 1.B. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Matlow discussed service problems related to Frontier Communications' takeover of Verizon service in Malibu. She expressed concern about residents' ability to communicate and receive information if a disaster occurs. Recording Secretary Linden stated City Manager Feldman had been talking with Frontier management regarding the service stoppages.

Commissioner Matlow reported she and Commissioner Randall attended the PCH Task Force meeting this morning. She expressed frustration with local agencies from Santa Monica to the Ventura County line that refused to give up jurisdiction along the highway. She discussed the history of law enforcement coverage on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). Commissioner May stated Lt. Royal has worked very hard to improve interagency communication.

Deputy Jennifer Glennan stated the Sheriff's Department always investigated any incidents on PCH to see if there was something deputies could do to improve the flow of traffic.

City Manager Feldman stated she would reach out to the Vice President of Frontier regarding the ongoing problems. She requested names and addresses of any individuals with problems be sent to her office so she could forward them to Frontier.

Commissioner Randall agreed with Commissioner Matlow that one agency covering PCH would be best. She suggested more elected officials be urged to attend the PCH Task Force meetings.

Vice Chair Frost stated the City needs more Sheriff's coverage on PCH.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Vice Chair Frost moved and Commissioner Randall seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
None.
- B. New Items
 - 1. Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2016
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of April 6, 2016.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendations for Commission Assignments in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017
Recommended Action: Review Commission assignments from FY 2015-2016, remove completed assignments, add new issues for consideration and recommend that the City Council approve the revised task list for assignment in FY 2016-2017.

Recording Secretary Linden presented the report. She requested consensus from the

Commission on carryover assignments. She asked for other suggestions to be added.

Chair Saul requested the Beach Team deployment be presented to the Commission sooner than it has in the past. He requested a summary of VOP activity be included in the monthly Sheriff's Department reports.

Commissioner Randall requested the Commission be involved in monitoring of the action items of the PCH Safety Study.

MOTION Commissioner Randall moved and Chair Saul seconded a motion to recommend the City Council approve the following tasks for assignment in FY 2016-2017:

- Review and make a recommendation on the preliminary design of the Civic Center Widening Project
- Conduct quarterly reviews of the City's Emergency Preparedness Program
- Conduct an annual review of Fire Department and Lifeguard services
- Review the proposed Summer 2017 Beach Team deployment schedule
- Make bimonthly oral reports to the City Council on Commission activity
- Submit a mid-year written report to the City Council on Commission activity
- Perform post-disaster assessment of City response, as necessary
- Review and provide input on the preliminary designs for projects resulting from the PCH Safety Study

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Update on Projects Affecting Traffic on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and City Streets

Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file status updates on projects affecting traffic on PCH and City streets, including: a) Point Dume Traffic Management Plan; b) Caltrans Shoreline Stabilization and Protection Project; and c) Caltrans maintenance work; and 2) Provide questions to be asked during the City's biweekly conference call with Caltrans staff.

Commissioner May reported that ongoing problems with parked vehicles and brush obstructing motorists' sightlines near pocket beaches was discussed at the PCH Task Force meeting today. He stated creating No Parking/Tow Away zones was being considered. He discussed new signage near Malibu Seafood. In response to Commissioner May, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the City had just begun its regular brush removal activities. Commissioner May stated Caltrans needed to do more and better grading on the highway. He discussed missing or defaced signage near Surfrider Beach and the need for guardrails or more reflectors on canyon roads. He requested golf cart rules and regulations be shared through NextDoor Point Dume.

In response to Chair Saul, Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian stated Caltrans was adjusting timing of the signal on eastbound PCH to northbound Kanan Dume Road to improve traffic flow.

Lt. Royal stated he would coordinate with Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors to improve traffic flow near the Zuma Beach parking lot. He stated he would look into having a changeable message sign posted there.

Chair Saul discussed problems on Westward Beach Road due to vehicles parking or waiting to park along the road.

Commissioner Randall discussed problems making U-turns near Duke's due to worn paving. She requested history of why the County of Los Angeles has not installed guardrails on the canyon roads, particularly Malibu Canyon Road.

Commissioner Matlow stated many existing guardrails are installed in the wrong place. She requested Los Angeles County Public Works representatives attend a future Commission meeting. She requested the Sheriff's Department provide the number of cars that have gone over the side of canyon roads.

In response to Chair Saul, Lt. Royal confirmed that the County installed boulders on Kanan Dume Drive due to the number of cars intentionally driven over the side of the road.

Commissioner Matlow requested the City ask Caltrans to conduct PCH remediation work during night hours to lessen traffic impacts. Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian stated one reason for work done in day hours was to not disturb nearby residents.

Chair Saul commended the Public Works Department for its proactive work. He stated it is a testament to the leadership in the department.

Deputy Jennifer Glennan suggested changing southbound Malibu Canyon Road to eastbound Civic Center Way to have a protected left turn lane in order to reduce the number of collisions. Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian stated it could be considered as part of the Civic Center Widening Project.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission agreed to hear Item Nos. 4.B. and 4.D concurrently.

B. 2016 Summer Enforcement Team Proposal

Recommended Action: Review the Sheriff's Department proposal for the 2016 Summer Enforcement Team deployment and recommend that the City Council approve the proposal as part of the Sheriff's Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

D. Public Safety Agency Activity

Recommended Action: Discuss recent Public Safety Agency activities and receive and file monthly activity reports from the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and Lifeguard Division.

Commissioner Matlow discussed problems with parking in Point Dume. She stated the parking area in the Point Dume Headlands needed to be increased. Commissioner May suggested additional parking spaces at La Piedra Beach.

Lt. Royal discussed the increase in crowds at beaches and trails due to the increase in social media posting.

Chair Saul stated the City should have a motorcycle deputy and extra patrol car covering the west side. Lt. Royal stated a car was previously assigned to cover the areas west of Paradise Cove, but collision data no longer supported that dedicated coverage. He stated it would take away coverage from the area east of John Tyler where more incidents occurred. He explained that, with limited resources, deployment has to be determined based on crash data. He clarified that during the summer deployment, one patrol vehicle would remain on the west side. He stated deployment was determined by the Lost Hills Captain and the City Manager with input from the Commission taken into consideration.

Vice Chair Frost stated having the same deputies covering the City and becoming more familiar with the community improves safety.

Lt. Royal stated Deputy Winn would be writing an article regarding traffic safety. He discussed ongoing increases in the number of citations issued in Point Dume. In response to Commissioner Matlow's inquiry at the April 6, 2016 Commission meeting, Lt. Royal stated no report was written on the golf cart accident because it occurred on private property and no report had been requested.

Lt. Royal stated parking enforcement would be increased this summer. He reviewed the summer deployment schedule. He recognized that parking enforcement has greatly increased thanks to the contributions of the Volunteers on Patrol (VOP).

In response to Commissioner May, Lt. Royal stated County Beaches and Harbors reported approximately 110,000 people came to Zuma Beach on one exceptionally hot day in Summer 2014. He stated it is estimated that 6-8 million visitors come to Malibu beaches each year.

In response to Commissioner Randall, Lt. Royal stated the County provides valuable air support each summer.

Commissioner May suggested the City's public relations department promote all that the City provides to visitors.

Chair Saul stated the reduced number of incidents in recent summers was a direct result of the great work of the Sheriff's Beach Team. Lt. Royal stated increased enforcement of alcohol on the beach also greatly impacted safety.

In response to Commissioner Randall, Lt. Royal explained that the Beach Team includes roving deputies who go to all beaches up and down PCH to the city limits. In response to Commissioner Randall, he clarified that the Beach Team does not cover Topanga Beach because it is outside the city limits, but would be available to provide assistance if needed. Deputy Jennifer Glennan clarified that roving deputies get out and walk the beaches.

Lt. Royal commended the VOP for the excellent work they provide the City and the Sheriff's Department. He stated they helped with traffic control in addition to their parking enforcement duties.

Commissioner Matlow asked if Lt. Royal is satisfied that the Summer Enforcement proposal will adequately handle the City's summer needs. Lt. Royal stated he was confident that the Beach Team would continue to be successful and that resources would be made available if there was an uncommon occurrence.

Vice Chair Frost left the dais at 6:29 p.m.

In response to Chair Saul, Lt. Royal stated the City's Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) car is currently in use.

MOTION Commissioner Randall moved and Commissioner Matlow seconded a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the 2016 Summer Enforcement Team deployment as part of the Sheriff's Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Frost absent.

Vice Chair Frost returned to the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

Chair Saul reopened Public Comment.

Don Schmitz discussed the history of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29 (District 29) plans to upgrade the water system and water storage in Malibu. He stated District 29 initiated a programmatic environmental impact report (EIR) to upgrade the existing system and improve substandard-sized storage tanks. He

stated a public hearing was scheduled two weeks ago, but residents from Calabasas vehemently opposed the project. He stated that, as a result of this opposition, District 29 decided to conduct additional community outreach. He stated a new hearing was tentatively scheduled in June 2016. He explained that the existing system was built with asbestos and concrete pipes. He stated he is working with the Mayor, City Manager and Planning staff to move the program forward. He stated it was wrong to allow people from outside the City to stop a project intended to protect Malibu residents.

In response to Chair Saul, Mr. Schmitz requested the Commission express its strong support for: 1) moving forward on a District 29 programmatic EIR, and 2) improving the water tank on Avenue de la Encinal.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission requested that discussion of District 29 improvements to Malibu's water system and water storage be placed on the next agenda.

City Manager Feldman reported the Vice President of Frontier requested that she forward him names, addresses and phone numbers of anyone who has been seriously impacted by Frontier service interruptions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 6:44 p.m., Commissioner Matlow moved and Vice Chair Frost seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on August 3, 2016.



DAVID SAUL, Chair

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Recording Secretary